

Congress. I would like to thank them for recognizing the importance, Mr. Speaker, of the need to provide for the Coast Guard and to provide for the first responders.

Mr. Speaker, as I close, we are not yet finished with this work, and I would hope that we will go forward supporting our troops and, as well, supporting America in its effort for long-lasting peace that will only make us the great Nation that our promise indicates we can be.

#### IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS

(Mr. SHAYS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Appropriations chairman, ranking member and all who worked on the Wartime Supplemental conference report. They did a tremendous job.

As a returned Peace Corps volunteer who strongly supported the President's effort to get Saddam Hussein's Iraq to cooperate with the UN inspectors and dismantle its weapons of mass destruction, I am proud, so proud, of our men and women who serve our great Nation. Our job in Congress, when we send our men and women into battle, is to make sure it is never a fair fight. We need to make sure those who risk their lives in service to this country have every advantage. We have done our job and we are doing our job.

As another returned Peace Corps volunteer, JIM WALSH, said, we are supporting our troops who brought freedom to a troubled land and we are helping to rebuild that land and nation and the good people who live there.

This is a good sign of a great Nation. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

#### COMMENDING THE TROOPS

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice to the voices of the others in commending our troops for the bravery, the courage, in following their command. I too am not a war supporter, but I support Americans. I support America.

I am so pleased that in the supplemental budget we were able to recognize that those on the home front have to respond and that there is money in this budget for the hometown response, because that is what it is going to boil down to.

Mr. Speaker, as we exit the battlefield, as we leave Iraq, we must address our attention to the constant threat of terrorism that I am sure we are going to have to endure; and I would hope that we would address our attention to finding Osama bin Laden, because he indeed has been very effective in the threat to this Nation.

So I am very pleased to have voted "aye" for the supplemental. Let us bring our troops home. Let us see that they have the services and that they are well. I commend them. We all love them.

God bless America.

#### IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED FOR FREEDOM

(Mr. FRANKS of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express a deep and abiding gratitude to the families living in the Second District of Arizona who have lost their children in the Iraqi conflict. Those families include Carol Howland of Kingman, who lost her son James Kiehl in battle; Sandy Watson of Peoria, who lost her son Michael Williams in battle; the Piestewa family, and the entire Hopi Nation, who today mourn the loss of their daughter Lori Ann. I have spoken to each and have been inspired by their unwavering faith and their enduring strength.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the tragic stories of this war are not unique to Arizona. So many of this Congress have fallen heroes from their communities and they represent those noble families who personify the sacrifice of war, but America's sons and daughters have fought so bravely in this battle, and some have died defending their homeland and to bring freedom to a people they have never met. And today, Mr. Speaker, the American flag flies at half-mast in the hearts of all of us as this Nation tearfully lays these valiant sons and daughters of freedom in the loving arms of God.

Mr. Speaker, words fail me to truly express the unspeakable debt of gratitude that we all owe to these families of America who have sacrificed their own loved ones to the cause of freedom. So may I respectfully appropriate the words of Abraham Lincoln, who found himself in a similar dilemma as he sought to offer comfort in a letter to a precious mother who had lost five of her sons on the battlefield. It is my prayer, Mr. Speaker, that these words can be received into the hearts of all of those who mourn the loss of their beloved soldier this day.

Mr. Lincoln wrote: "I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming, but I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic that they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and a solemn pride that must be yours, to have laid such a costly sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Mr. Speaker, may all of us this day take poignant personal inventory of

American freedom and may we never ever forget those who gave their all to pay for it.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 30, 2003.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 703. An act to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 763. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 East Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, 108th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, 108th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, 108th Congress, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 29, at 2 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1813. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Recognition of Animal Disease Status of Regions in the European Union [Docket No. 98-090-5] (RIN: 0579-AB03) received April 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1814. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Group, Department of Agriculture,